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AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: USE OF MASIRAH

REF: STATE 166422

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI RECEIVED ME JULY 7 AND SAID HE HAD FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR ME. SULTAN QABOOS, WHO HAS ASKED ZAWAWI TO JOIN HIM IN LONDON JULY 12, WANTS US TO KNOW THAT HE OR ZAWAWI WILL PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS MASIRAH WITH APPROPRIATE AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON OFFICIAL DURING WEEK OF JULY 12-16. ZAWAWI SAID HE GUESSES THIS MEANS THAT HE RATHER THAN SULTAN HIMSELF WOULD PUT FORWARD WHATEVER POINTS SULTAN WANTS TO MAKE IN LONDON, AND THAT SUCH DISCUSSION MIGHT WELL FOLLOW RATHER THAN PRECEDE HM'S SCHEDULED JULY 14 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN.

2. I TOOK THIS OCCASION TO RELAY TO ZAWAWI CONTENTS OF PARA 7 OF REFTEL (RECEIVED HERE JULY 6). HE RECEIVED THIS WITHOUT COMMENT AND WITHOUT ANY HINT THAT HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT.

3. ZAWAWI WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AN OFFICER FROM OUR LONDON EMBASSY WOULD TELEPHONE HIM ON TUESDAY MORNING,

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JULY 13 AT THE BERKELEY HOTEL (235-6000). I GAVE HIM

LUCIEN KINSOLVING'S NAME AS THE ONE WHO MOST LIKELY WOULD DO THIS.

4. COMMENT: ZAWAWI GAVE NO INDICATION AT ALL JUST WHAT ASPECTS HM EMBASSY DISCUSSED IN LONDON, OR WHAT TACK OMANIS WOULD TAKE, AND I SUSPECT HE REALLY DOES NOT KNOW. HAVING NOT SEEN THE SULTAN HIMSELF FOR OVER TWO WEEKS, HE PROBABLY IS SOMEWHAT OUT OF TOUCH. HE CLAIMS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO BE UNINFORMED ABOUT CONTENTS OF QABOOS' DISCUSSIONS WITH SHAH IN TEHRAN LAST MONTH. PRESUMABLY HE WILL BE AU COURANT ONCE MORE A FEW HOURS AFTER JOINING "THE CLAN" IN LONDON AND GETTING EMBASSY IN LONDON AND OTHERS TO FILL HIM IN.
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